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City of Temple Announces Employee of the Quarter



TEMPLE, TX – (August 6, 2015) At their regularly scheduled meeting this evening, City Council recognized Jonathan Logue, Marketing Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department, as the first Employee of the Quarter under the City's new employee engagement program.

The Employee of the Quarter program is designed to recognize outstanding employees who make a difference by doing exceptionally great work, going "above and beyond" their regular job assignments, and demonstrating a positive attitude toward work responsibilities, co-workers, and citizens.

Jonathan was nominated by four of his peers and selected by the City's Employee Engagement Committee as the Employee of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2015. Jonathan was among 46 exceptional employees who were nominated for this award.

Jonathan began working for the City of Temple in February of 2014. "Since coming on board with Parks and Recreation, Jonathan has completely transformed our marketing ideas. From new designs to Facebook, LED billboards, and brochures, Jonathan has made a huge impact" says Derek Newman, Wellness Coordinator for the City of Temple. According to Ron Germann, Wellness Center Manager, Jonathan "is devoted to those he serves and he genuinely cares about the entire department and the City's reputation. He keeps me on track! I never miss a deadline because Jonathan is always a step ahead."

In addition to managing the Parks and Recreation Department's information and marketing efforts, Jonathan is frequently found going "above and beyond" by assisting with special projects and programs.

Sennett Farias, Office Assistant for Tourism and Marketing, states, "I recently took on Santa Fe Market Days. It's a big project and Jonathan has made it wonderful. He has written amazing press releases on the Market. His knowledge and assistance has been instrumental in helping get the word out. I honestly don't know where I would be without his help." "Jonathan has a great attitude and is always willing to help when needed. He was instrumental in getting information out regarding the City's recent Parks Bond Election. He is a very hard worker and makes it all look effortless" says Sondra Mojica, Marketing Information Specialist for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The City Council also recognized four finalists for this quarter's award. Finalists include 1) Jo-El Guzman, Crime Victim Coordinator for the Temple Police Department, who developed and successfully sought grant funding for a Crisis Assistance Program where volunteers are available to respond at all hours of the day or night to assist families in need and victims of crime in our community; 2) Belinda Garcia, a Program Coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department, who, in addition to her regular duties, stepped up to cover a key vacancy during the Park Department's busiest time of year ensuring another successful season of high quality summer camp programs for our citizens; 3) Magnolia Bates, Food and Beverage Coordinator at the Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, who went the extra mile at a recent event, coordinating items outside of her area of responsibility, to ensure the event honoree and attendees had the best experience possible; and 4) Corrie Wheeler, Customer Service Representative at the Draughon-Miller Central Texas Regional Airport, who recently took the lead while her supervisor was out and acted quickly to save the City resources as part of an ongoing capital improvement project at the Airport.

"We're fortunate to have all of the employees who were nominated for the first Employee of the Quarter, my thanks to all of those folks and their fellow employees who nominated them," said City Manager Jonathan Graham. "It is fitting that Jonathan Logue will be our first recognized employee, his role in our recent park bond election was an important one. He took part in many presentations and in the preparation of materials used to educate the public on an important issue facing our community."

"Jonathan is truly a rising star in the City of Temple and is extremely deserving of our first Employee of the Quarter award," said Mayor Danny Dunn. "I would also like to commend the finalists and all nominees in continuing to make Temple a great place to live, work and play."

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